PCP

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Learning Objectives

- Select from a list the scientific name for PCP.
- Identify the side effects of PCP.

What is PCP?

- PCP, or Phencyclidine, is a dissociative anesthetic, or drug that separates perception from sensation.
- PCP can be found in several different forms:
  - Crystalline Powder
  - Colored Powder
  - Pills
  - Capsules
  - Liquid

History of PCP

1956 – PCP is synthesized for the first time.

1957 – PCP is used on humans for the first time.

1963 – PCP is patented as an anesthetic named Sernyl.

1965 – PCP is banned for human use due to its side effects.

1967 – PCP is marketed as an animal anesthetic called Sernylan.

History of PCP

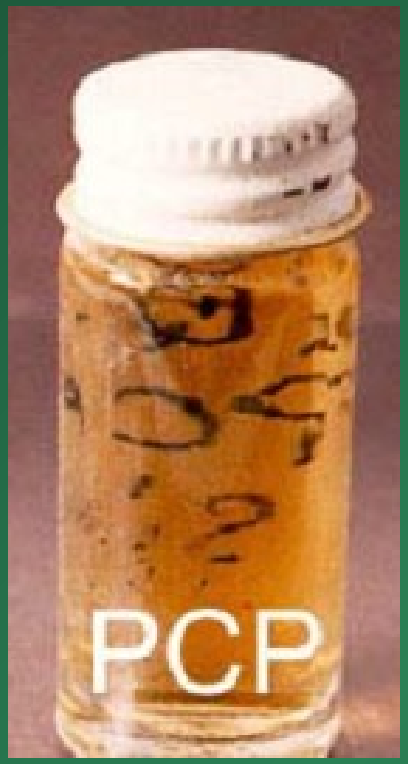
1967 – PCP begins showing up on the streets as a recreational drug.

1978 – PCP is classified a Schedule II in accordance with the Controlled Substance Act.

1979 – Use of PCP rises around the country. 7% of high school seniors reported PCP use in the last 12 months.

1980 to present – PCP use continues to be problem but recent numbers have

How is PCP Taken?



PCP can be consumed in several ways:

- **Orally – In a pill or liquid form.**
- **Smoked**
- **Snorted**
- **Injected**

How is PCP Taken?

PCP has been known to be used in combination with other drugs and substances:

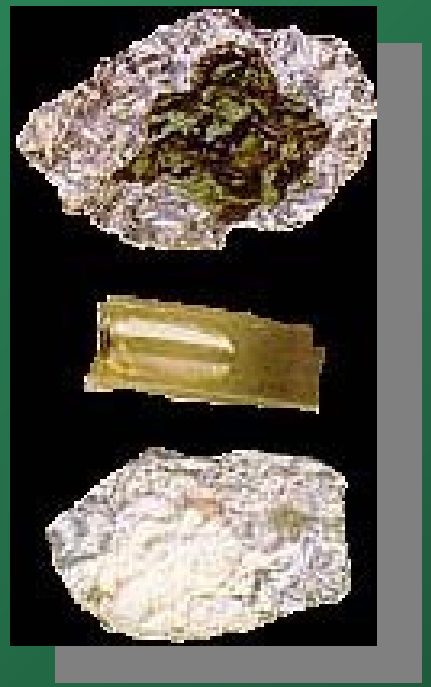
1. **LSD – *Super Tripping***
2. **Marijuana – *Killer Weed* or *Boat***
3. **Tobacco – *Sherms***
4. **Mint/Parsley**

PCP's Physical Effects

- Sleepiness
- Dizziness
- Irregular Heart Rate
- Loss of Bladder Control
- Jerky Eye Movement
- Heavy Sweating
- Vomiting
- Speech Impediments
- Loss of Reflexes
- Kidney Failure
- Brain Hemorrhaging
- Coma
- Death

PCP's Psychological Effects

- Depression of the Central Nervous System (CNS)
- Stimulation of the CNS
- Unpredictable Aggressive Behavior
- Schizophrenia
- Delirium
- Suicidal Tendencies
- Toxic Psychosis



PCP Testing in the Army

- The Army tests for PCP on a rotational schedule.
- PCP can be detected in urine for 2-3 days after ingestion.
- The use of illegal drug like PCP goes against Army Values and of course the UCMJ.

Additional Information

Additional information on PCP or other drugs can be found by contacting the Army Substance Abuse Program at 804-734-9079 or by visiting http://www.acsap.army.mil.